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Committee Bill No. 174

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS AFTER
PARENTAL RIGHTS ARE TERMINATED DUE TO ABUSE OR
NEGLECT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 45a-707 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 As used in sections 45a-187, 45a-706 to 45a-709, inclusive, 45a-715 to
4 45a-718, inclusive, and 45a-724 to 45a-737, inclusive:

5 (1) "Adoption" means the establishment by court order of the legal
6 relationship of parent and child;

7 (2) "Child care facility" means a congregate residential setting for the
8 out-of-home placement of children or youths under eighteen years of
9 age, licensed by the Department of Children and Families;

10 (3) "Child-placing agency" means any agency within or without the
11 state of Connecticut licensed or approved by the Commissioner of
12 Children and Families in accordance with sections 17a-149 and
13 17a-151, and in accordance with standards established by regulations

14 of the Commissioner of Children and Families;

15 (4) "Guardianship" means guardianship, unless otherwise specified,
 16 of the person of a minor and refers to the obligation of care and
 17 control, the right to custody and the duty and authority to make major
 18 decisions affecting the minor's welfare, including, but not limited to,
 19 consent determinations regarding marriage, enlistment in the armed
 20 forces and major medical, psychiatric or surgical treatment;

21 (5) "Parent" means a biological or adoptive parent;

22 (6) "Relative" means any person descended from a common
 23 ancestor, whether by blood or adoption, not more than three
 24 generations removed from the child;

25 (7) "Statutory parent" means the Commissioner of Children and
 26 Families or the child-placing agency appointed by the court for the
 27 purpose of the adoption of a minor child or minor children;

28 (8) "Termination of parental rights" means the complete severance
 29 by court order of the legal relationship, with all its rights and
 30 responsibilities, between the child and the child's parent or parents so
 31 that the child is free for adoption except it shall not affect the right of
 32 inheritance of the child or the religious affiliation of the child and shall
 33 not affect the child support obligation of the parent or parents whose
 34 rights are terminated until the child is adopted, provided the court
 35 determines that continuation of such child support obligation is in the
 36 child's best interests.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	45a-707

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